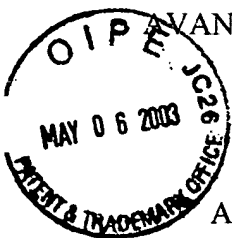


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In response to the Patent and Trademark Office Communication mailed February 4, 2003,
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- (X) An extension of time to respond for 2 months is hereby requested.
(X) Time Extension Fee: two months (\$205 small entity)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Independent Claims	3	—	3	= 0 ×	\$42	= \$0
Time Extension Fee						\$205
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$205

- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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